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INVOCATION

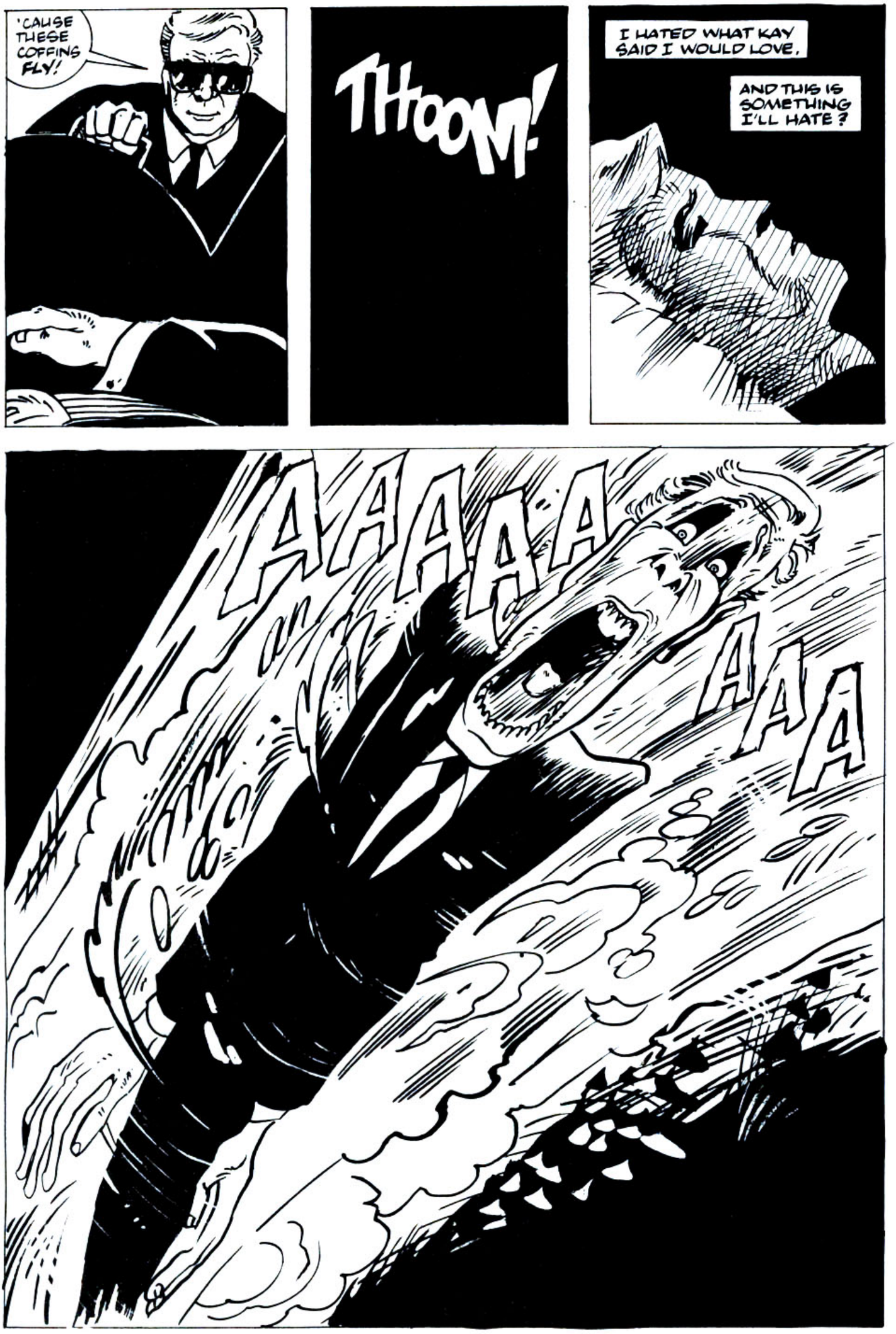
PLAXTON, OHIO.
O.K., TOMMY...
LORD THOMAS, THE TROUNCER.
YOUR ARCH-ENEMY, SIR MICHAEL, HAS TRAPPED YOUR MAGIC USER BEHIND THE WINDOW OF THE SOUL.
YEAH, I GOT YOUR ASS THIS TIME.
WHAT DO YOU DO?
I DON'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE. I'M GONNA TRY AND SUMMON A DEMON.
OKAY. IF YOU MAKE A SIX OR BETTER A DEMON WILL APPEAR, SHOUT "HA, HA, HA! I'M FREE!" THEN BREAK THROUGH THE WINDOW AND WREAK HAVOC FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES.
HERE GOES.
MADE IT!

FOOSH!!
HA HA HA! I'M FREE!
CRASH
WOW. WHAT A GREAT GAME.

HEADQUARTERS
SO ARE WE GETTING ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT? THIS IS GETTING BORING. I'M IN FOR A QUARTER.
THE HIGHER-UPS WILL DECIDE. I'LL SEE YOUR QUARTER AND RAISE YOU A NICKLE.
HIGHER-UPS? I THOUGHT YOU SAID WE WERE THE TOP.
NAH, I SAID WE'RE VIRTUALLY THE TOP.
PINNACLE, YOU SAID. THAT'S A QUOTE.
"MISSIONS OF GLOBAL IMPORTANCE," THAT'S A QUOTE, TOO.
ARE YOU GOING TO BET OR NOT? ANYHOW, IT'S LIKE WE SAY, "EVEN HIGHER-UPS HAVE HIGHER-UPS."
YEAH, OK. I CALL. WHATCHA GOT?
THREE CLUBS, A WAND, AND DEATH.
CLUB
WAND
DEATH
READ 'EM AND WEEP.
SWORD FLUSH.

DAMN! THAT'S THREE HANDS IN A ROW! HOW THE HELL DO YOU DO THAT?
CLEAN LIVING.
...AND THE WAY THE CARDS REFLECT OFF YOUR GLASSES.
CLEAN LIVING? NOW THERE'S SOMETHING I KNOW ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ABOUT.
KA-KLINK
PRIORITY ALERT ONE
LOOKS LIKE YOUR LUCKY DAY. THAT'LL BE ZED.
AGENTS KAY AND JAY. PRIORITY ALERT ONE.
PRIORITY ALERT ONE
PRIORITY ONE--THIS'LL BE GOOD!
ROGER, ZED. WHAT'VE YOU GOT?
OUR MONITORS REPORT A DISTURBANCE OF SUPER-NATURAL ORIGIN IN PLAXTON, OHIO.
OHIO
CINCINNATI
SATELLITE SCAN CONFIRMS UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN THE AREA.
TRANSIT STATION 137
SPEED IS ESSENTIAL. USE OF TRANSIT TUBE IS MANDATORY. REPEAT: TRANSIT TUBE IS MANDATORY.
GOT IT, ZED. THIS IS IT, JAY. I DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOING TO LIKE IT.
UH-OH.

NOT GOING TO LIKE WHAT?
TRANSIT, IT TAKES GETTING USED TO.
ZED! YOU WITH US?
YES, KAY. WHAT DO YOU NEED?
I WANT A CAR WAITING, AND CLEAR THE ROADS NEAR THE STATION. KNOCK OVER ANOTHER CHEMICAL TRUCK IF YOU HAVE TO.
WILL DO.
THERE THEY ARE. GET IN.
IN THAT? IT LOOKS LIKE A COFFIN.
MI MI M.
MI MI M.
IT WILL BE IF YOU DON'T GET IN.
OK., OK., CALM DOWN.
STRAP YOURSELF IN.


'CAUSE THESE COFFINS FLY!
THOOM!
I HATED WHAT KAY SAID I WOULD LOVE.
AND THIS IS SOMETHING I'LL HATE?
AAAAAAAAA

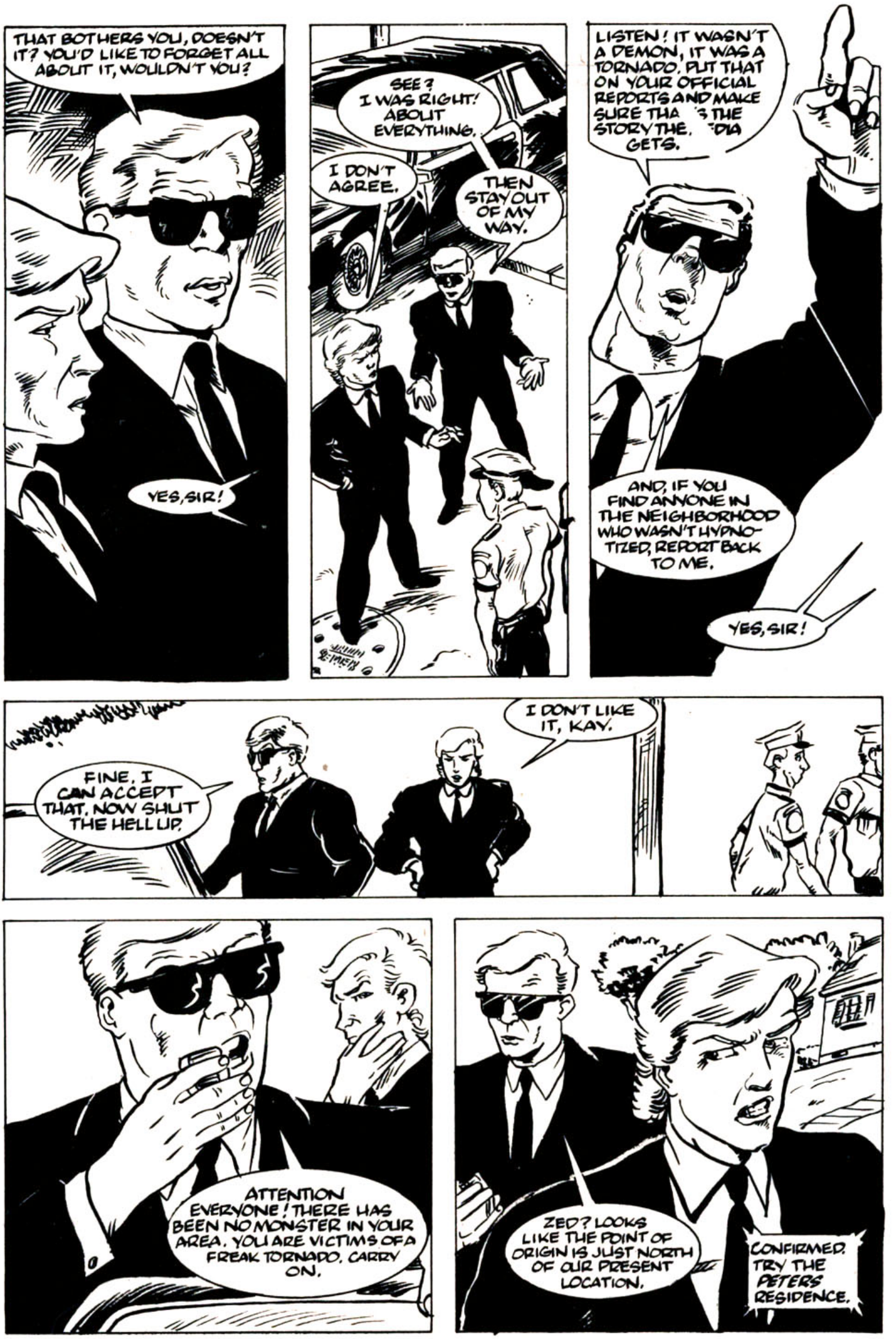
AAAAAA
THERE, THAT WASN'T SO BAD, WAS IT?
AAAAAAA!
O.K., YOU'RE CLEAR. COME ON OUT.
AAAAAA!!
MY HEAD! GOD, WHAT DID YOU DO TO MY HEAD?
TRUST ME. THE FIRST TIME'S THE WORST. YOU'LL LIVE.
BUT I WON'T ENJOY IT.
WE'RE IN A HURRY. YOU CAN GROAN ALL YOU WANT ONCE WE GET IN THE CAR.
AAAAH! YOU'RE A REAL SWEETHEART, KAY.
AIN'T I, THOUGH?

OOOH! I LIKED IT BETTER WHEN YOU WERE TRYING TO KILL ME.
QUIT BELLYACHING. WE'VE ALL BEEN THROUGH IT.
THE DIFFERENCE IS YOU DESERVED IT.
SLAM
THIS'LL CHEER YOU UP, JAY. LOOK OUT YOUR WINDOW. I'M SETTING THE CAMOUFLAGE.
FINE. YOU PUT MY BRAIN THROUGH A BLENDER, THEN DRIVE ME OFF IN A CHAMELEON.
ANOTHER DAY SHOT TO HELL.
OHIO
YEP. IT'S DOWNHILL FROM HERE.
GOD, I HATE IT WHEN HE SAYS THINGS LIKE THAT.

SELF PARKING
SCREEE
REEE-OOO-REEE-OOO
KULUMM
WAIT A MINUTE...
...WHEN THE TRAFFIC CLEARS, I'LL REALLY OPEN HER UP. WOULDN'T WANT TO RISK WRECKING A HOT CAR LIKE THIS.
YOU MEAN THIS THING GOES FASTER?
HEY! WATCH OUT! THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE ROAD!
GOT IT!
THANKS.
DON'T MENTION IT.
YEAH, THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A BLOOD SACRIFICE BEFORE YOU TAKE ON A DEMON.
DEMON!?

PLAXTON, OHIO
PERFECT TIMING. THE GANG'S ALL HERE.
SWITCHING OFF CAMOUFLAGE, SETTING SIREN TO NEUROLYSER MODE.
YOU MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO HYPNOTIZE THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD? JUST LIKE THAT?
DAMN STRAIGHT.
FASH! FASH! FASH!
"JUST LIKE THAT."

LISTEN UP!! LOCAL POLICE, REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THE BLACK CONTINENTAL. EVERYONE ELSE KEEP DOIN' WHAT YOU'RE DOIN'.
MEN, I AM YOUR SUPERIOR. YOU WILL BELIEVE EVERYTHING I TELL YOU AND FOLLOW MY ORDERS EXACTLY. UNDERSTAND? AND CALL ME "SIR"!
I DON'T THINK IT'S RIGHT, HYPNOTIZING PEOPLE LIKE THAT.
WAIT, YOU'LL SEE, WE'RE DOING THEM A FAVOR.
YESSIR!
YESSIR!
KAY, LET THEM RUN THEIR OWN LIVES!
I SAID I'M DOING THEM A FAVOR. SHUT UP A MINUTE AND WATCH.
O.K., MEN. WHAT DO THE WITNESSES SAY?
THEY SAY THERE WAS A MONSTER OR A DEMON OF SOME SORT, SIR.
A BIG UGLY ONE. SIR.

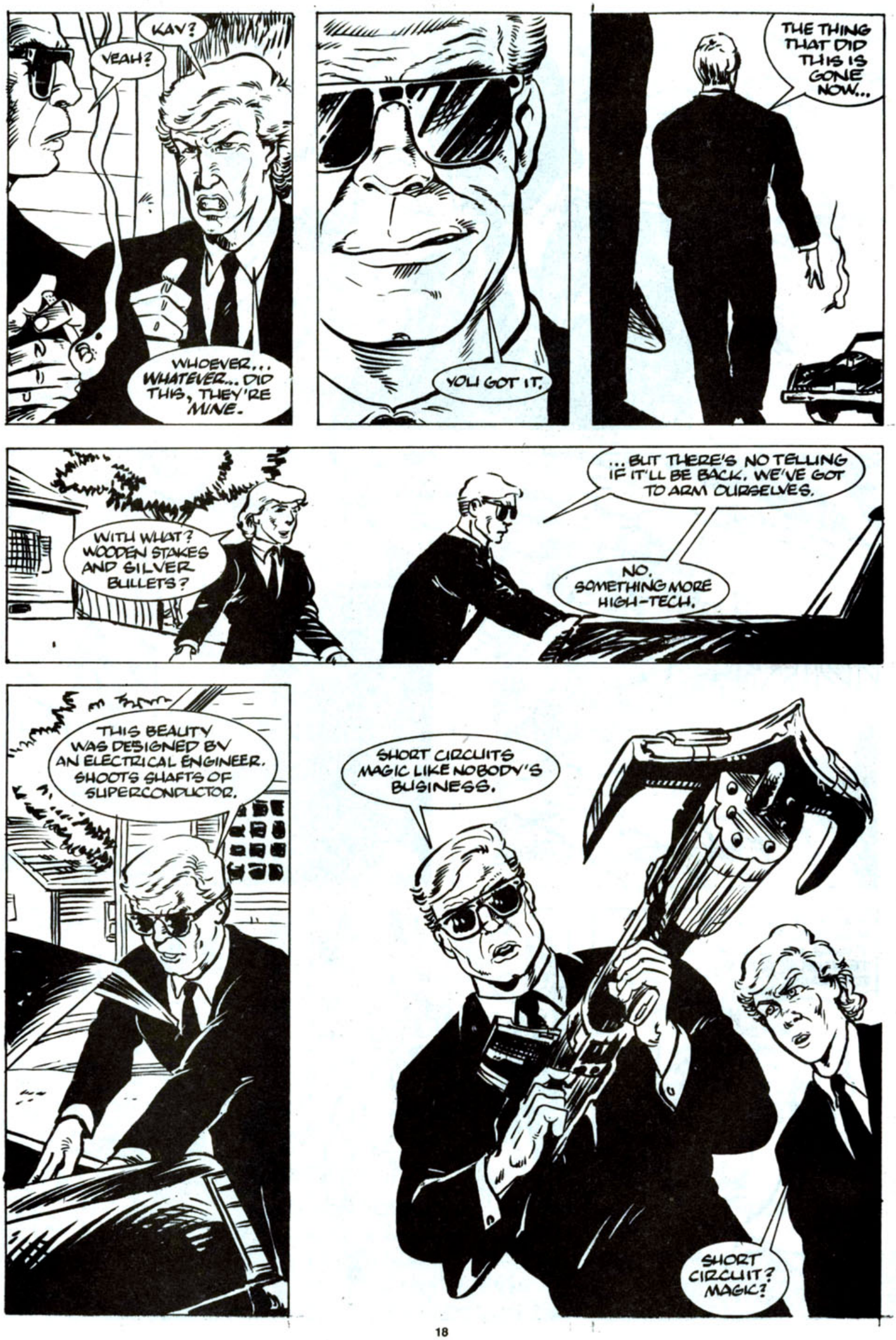

THAT BOTHERS YOU, DOESN'T IT? YOU'D LIKE TO FORGET ALL ABOUT IT, WOULDN'T YOU?
YES, SIR!
SEE? I WAS RIGHT! ABOUT EVERYTHING.
I DON'T AGREE.
THEN STAY OUT OF MY WAY.
LISTEN! IT WASN'T A DEMON, IT WAS A TORNADO. PUT THAT ON YOUR OFFICIAL REPORTS AND MAKE SURE THA 'S THE STORY THE. DIA GETS.
AND, IF YOU FIND ANYONE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHO WASN'T HYPNOTIZED, REPORT BACK TO ME.
YES, SIR!
FINE. I CAN ACCEPT THAT. NOW SHUT THE HELL UP.
I DON'T LIKE IT, KAY.
ATTENTION EVERYONE! THERE HAS BEEN NO MONSTER IN YOUR AREA. YOU ARE VICTIMS OF A FREAK TORNADO. CARRY ON.
ZED? LOOKS LIKE THE POINT OF ORIGIN IS JUST NORTH OF OUR PRESENT LOCATION.
CONFIRMED. TRY THE PETERS RESIDENCE.

MOMENTS LATER...
THIS IS IT ALL RIGHT, NOTICE THE DEBRIS.
AND THE OTHER DAMAGE. IT ALL SPREADS OUT FROM HERE.
GUESS WE BETTER GO IN AND SEE WHAT HAPPENED.
NOT YET. HERE COME THE LOCAL YOKELS.
THAT WAS QUICK.
WE FOUND ONE, SIR. ANNA STEPHENS, FIRST HOUSE ON THE LEFT.
YES, SIR.
GOOD. GET BACK TO WORK.
THERE'S ALWAYS ONE.
SO WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO? ZAP HER, TOO?
DEPENDS. SOME FOLKS AREN'T WORTH THE BOTHER.
damn.

THANKS.
YOU HANDLE THIS ONE.
THANKS A WHOLE HELL OF A LOT.
DON'T MENTION IT.
MS. STEPHENS? ANNA?
YOU HAVE A CHILD?
YES.
WHERE IS IT? WHAT HAPPENED?
THERE.
THERE WAS A MONSTER,
THE DEMON. SHE SAW IT DO THIS, SAW IT KILL HER... HER WHOLE WORLD.
A MONSTER... MONSTER... MONSTER...
SHE CAN'T COPE.
WHO COULD?
ALL RIGHT, KAY. DO IT.
MONSTER...

ME? DO WHAT?
YOU KNOW DAMN WELL WHAT!
ZAP HER. LET HER THINK IT WAS A TORNADO, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.
WE'RE HERE TO MAKE SURE NO BELIEVABLE WITNESSES TELL WHAT REALLY HAPPENED.
I DON'T THINK ANYONE WOULD BELIEVE A WOMAN IN HER STATE...
BUT YOU HANDLE THE SITUATION ANY WAY YOU WANT; IT'S YOUR BABY.
DAMN YOU!
MONSTER...
AND DAMN WHATEVER *THING* DID THIS.
MONSTER...

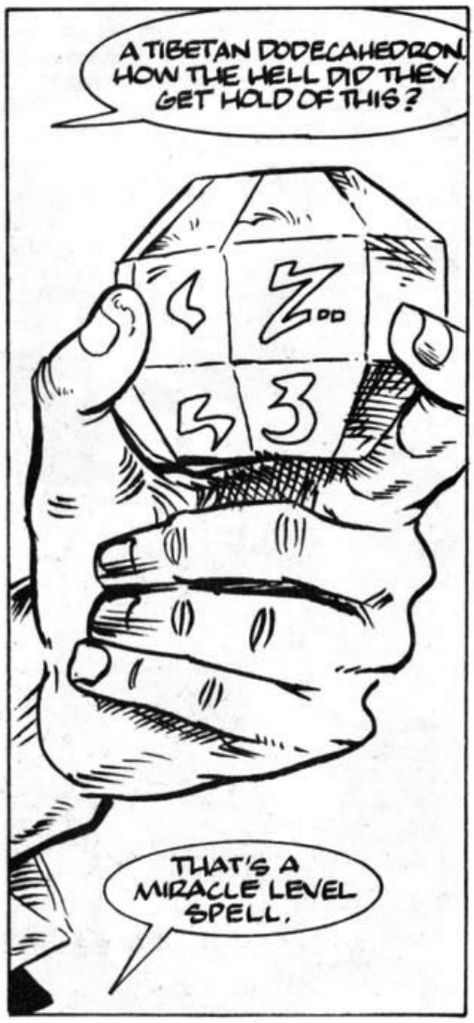
FLASH!
ANNA? ANNA? CAN YOU HEAR ME?
YES.
ANNA, IT WASN'T A MONSTER THAT DID THIS. IT WAS A TORNADO. A TERRIBLE, FREAK TORNADO.
TORNADO? TORNADO!
MY BABY!
MY BABY! OH, GOD, MY BABY!


KAV?
YEAH?
WHOEVER... WHATEVER... DID THIS, THEY'RE MINE.
YOU GOT IT.
THE THING THAT DID THIS IS GONE NOW...
WITH WHAT? WOODEN STAKES AND SILVER BULLETS?
... BUT THERE'S NO TELLING IF IT'LL BE BACK. WE'VE GOT TO ARM OURSELVES.
NO. SOMETHING MORE HIGH-TECH.
THIS BEAUTY WAS DESIGNED BY AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER. SHOOTS SHAFTS OF SUPERCONDUCTOR.
SHORT CIRCUITS MAGIC LIKE NOBODY'S BUSINESS.
SHORT CIRCUIT? MAGIC?

IF YOU WANT A LECTURE, ASK ZED. TRUST ME, MAGIC ACTS LIKE ELECTRICITY.
THIS LITTLE HONEY WILL STOP ANYTHING FROM A MANTICORE TO A MAJOR DEMON.
FINE. LET'S GO HUNTING.
METERS
NOW YOU'RE TALKING.

KIDS? KIDS DID THIS?
NOT LIKELY. PROBABLY SOME SORT OF INTER-DIMENSIONAL DISCONTINUITY.
OK, SIR MICHAEL. YOU'VE LOST YOUR PALADIN.

I'M SENDING MY WIZARD TO RESURRECT HIM.


A TIBETAN DODECAHEDRON. HOW THE HELL DID THEY GET HOLD OF THIS?
THAT'S A MIRACLE LEVEL SPELL.

YOU MEAN KIDS PLAYING A GAME SUMMONED A DEMON?
THEY DIDN'T. THIS DID. IT'S DANGEROUS.
I'VE GOT ONE SPELL LEFT.
SO THAT'S IT? WE TAKE THE DODECAHEDRON AND EVERYTHING'S BACK TO NORMAL?
NO. THERE'S A RIFT NOW. IF A DEMON'S FOUND IT'S WAY HERE ONCE, IT'LL DO IT AGAIN.
IT WON'T WORK. YOUR WIZARD'S A WUSS.
ONLY ONE THING TO DO: CALL IT BACK.
LISTEN UP, BOYS. YOU'RE STILL UNDER MY COMMAND. THE GAME MASTER CAN STAY. THE OTHER TWO, GO PLAY IN THE STREET.
OK, KID. THIS STUFF SAYS "JIMMY PETERS". THAT YOU?
C'MON, TOMMY. LET'S PLAY TAG!
Jimmy Peters
YEAH.
TELL US WHAT HAPPENED.
WELL, TOMMY, MICHAEL AND I WERE PLAYING B AND D WHEN THIS TORNADO...
FORGET THAT FOR NOW. TELL US WHAT REALLY HAPPENED.

WE WERE PLAYIN' B AND D, AND WHEN TOMMY HAD HIS MAGIC USER TRY TO SUMMON A DEMON, IT REALLY HAPPENED.
IT WAS REALLY COOL!
GLAD YOU LIKED IT, 'CAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO GET TO DO IT AGAIN.
YOU PLAYIN'? WHERE'S YOUR STATS?
RIGHT HERE. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THIS CARD, YOU'LL SEE THE BEST POSSIBLE STATS.
WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN I SUMMON THE DEMON?
WOW! THESE ARE THE HIGHEST STATS I'VE EVER SEEN!
I GET AROUND.
WELL, IT'S TOMMY'S DEMON, SO IT'LL PROBABLY ATTACK YOU.
FIGURES. THEN IT'S YOUR TURN.

GET OUT OF SIGHT. WE MAY NEED THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE.
RIGHT.
OK, I GOT IT. YOU NEED 10 OR BETTER.
NO PROBLEM.
TA-CLACK
TACKA TACKA
YOU DID IT!
FOOSH!

AAAH! FREE!
YOU!!
DIE!!
DON'T BE SO HASTY. WE JUST MET.
YOU'D PROBABLY LIKE ME, ONCE YOU GOT TO KNOW ME.
FOOL! I SEE YOUR HEART. YOU SEEK ORDER, CONTROL, CONFORMITY! THE DEATH OF MY KIND!
DIE!!
SO, SUE ME.
JAY!

PUT HIM DOWN.
WHAT? YOU DARE?
STUPID HUMAN! I SEE YOUR HEART, AS WELL. YOU SEEK HONOR, JUSTICE, VIRTUE. THIS CREATURE HAS NONE!
HE IS A GREATER DEVIL THAN I.
BETTER THE DEVIL YOU KNOW...
THAT MAY BE, BUT LIKE WE SAY...
THAN THE DEVIL YOU DON'T!

WHOOSH!
NOOOO!
ZZZZZZZT!
YES!

#ZZT!
KID! THIS NEVER HAPPENED. REMEMBER, TORNADO. GOT IT?
GOT IT.
GOOD WORK, JAY.
YOU SHOWED HIM WHAT FOR.
YEAH.
YOU'VE MADE IT. YOU'RE A FULL-FLEDGED MAN IN BLACK.
JUST LIKE ME.
YES, I AM A MAN IN BLACK.
BUT I'M NOT LIKE YOU.
I'M NOT LIKE YOU AT ALL.
END